

Westminster Police Department

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WPD CASE: 11-02416

UPDATE

Fatal Traffic Collision/DUI Arrest

Arrestee: Talia Gallina, 24 years old, resident of Los Angeles
Charges: Felony DUI- CVC 23153 (a) and gross vehicular manslaughter -CPC 192(c) (3).

Location: Westminster Blvd. and the 405 Freeway overpass, Westminster

Westminster, CA:

Just after 2:00 AM, our dispatch center received a call reporting an injury accident between a vehicle and a motorcycle on Westminster Blvd. in the area of the 405 Freeway overpass.

Officers arrived on scene and saw a pick-up truck that appeared to have been turning from eastbound Westminster to the northbound 405 Freeway on-ramp when it collided head-on with a motorcyclist travelling westbound on Westminster Blvd.

Officers saw that the driver of the motorcycle had been ejected and was lying on the ground a short distance away. Two uninvolved citizens were attempting CPR on the motorcyclist. Officers immediately took over basic life saving efforts until OCFA paramedics arrived. Unfortunately, the 27 year old motorcyclist succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver and passenger of the truck were uninjured. The name of the motorcyclist is being withheld until the next of kin is notified.

As with all major accidents, our traffic bureau investigators were called out to investigate the collision. The driver of the pick-up truck, 24 year old Talia Gallina of Los Angeles, was arrested for DUI (CVC 23153 (a)) and vehicular manslaughter (CPC 192(c) (3)). A blood test was administered at the WPD Jail and she was later booked at Orange County Jail on the listed charges.

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